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**PUERTO RICO MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO BOMB THREAT**

**CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE:** United States Attorney Tom Colantuono, Kenneth Kaiser, the Special Agent-in-Charge of the Boston Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and Manchester Police Chief John Jaskolka announced that **Carlos Angel Rodriguez**, age 36, of Bayamon, Puerto Rico, pled guilty in U.S. District Court to a charge of willfully making a bomb threat through the U.S. Mail. During the plea proceeding before U.S. District Court Chief Judge Paul J. Barbadoro, **Rodriguez** admitted that in May, 1999, he mailed a letter containing a bomb threat to the McGregor Street branch of St. Mary's Bank in Manchester, New Hampshire.

Sentencing has been scheduled for November 21, 2003. The offense carries a statutory maximum term of 10 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine. U.S. Attorney Colantuono stated: "This case represents an excellent example of local and federal authorities collaborating to combat domestic terrorism. The priority of domestic preparedness rests on successful cooperation among the Department of Justice, various federal agencies, and those state and local officials on the front lines of this battle."

The investigation was conducted by the Manchester Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert J. Veiga.